

Remarks

The above amendments have been made to clarify the operation of the invention, and are not made to overcome the Chivaluri reference cited by the Examiner.

Claims 1 to 5 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) for anticipation by U.S. Patent No. 8,872,931 (Chivaluri). Claims 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for obviousness in view of Chivaluri and U.S. Patent No. 5,367,609 (Hopper et al).

Chivaluri discloses a management system for a computer network that can automatically execute corrective scripts in response to predefined events that occur within the network. The system provides filtering of alarm messages to prevent false or redundant alarms by defining thresholds for the number or frequency of occurrences that will trigger the script. The Chivaluri system essentially provides a comparison of event history with a generated event to determine if some action should be performed upon occurrence of the event.

By way of contrast, the presently claimed invention provides a system of dynamic rule sets that permit deactivation of a script so that it will not run event when its associated network activity logging criteria has been satisfied. The activation/deactivation switching of a particular rule set can be set manually by an administrator through a user interface. Even more advantageously, however, a rule set can also be associated by the administrator with other rule sets such that the satisfaction of logging criteria for the other rule sets causes its activation or deactivation status change. Thus, higher level rule sets are usable only if

certain log patterns satisfying lower level rule sets are detected. The benefit of associating rule sets with each other is that the overall number of rule sets can be reduced, and time that was previously spent manually applying rule sets is saved.

Chivaluri does not disclose or fairly suggest 'activation/deactivation of rule sets such that the satisfaction of logging criteria for a rule set causes the status of other rule sets to change', essentially as claimed in claims 1 to 5. As Hopper et al. does not appear to disclose these features either, combining the teachings of Hopper and Chivaluri would not cure the deficiencies of Chivaluri. Thus, claims 1 to 5 are not anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of Chivaluri and Hopper.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application including claims 1 to 5 is in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early and favorable action is respectfully urged.

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